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The regular meeting of the Council of the City of Martinsville, Virginia, was held on April 26, 2016, in Council Chambers, Municipal Building, at 7:30 PM with Mayor Danny Turner presiding. Council Members present included: Danny Turner, Jennifer Bowles, Gene Teague, Mark Stroud and Sharon Brooks Hodge. Staff present included: City Manager Leon Towarnicki, Assistant City Manager Wayne Knox, Clerk of Council Karen Roberts, Finance Director Linda Conover, Commissioner of Revenue Ruth Easley, Public Works Director Jeff Joyce, Senior Services Coordinator Betsy Pace, IT Director Esther Artis, Fire Chief Ted Anderson, Telecommunications Director Mike Scaffidi, Sheriff Steve Draper, Deputy Fire Marshall Andy Powers, and Police Chief Sean Dunn.

Mayor Turner called the meeting to order and advised Council would go into Closed Session beginning at 7:00 PM. In accordance with Section 2.1-344 (A) of the Code of Virginia (1950, and as amended) and upon a motion by Council Member Hodge, seconded by Council Member Stroud, with the following 5-0 recorded vote: Council Member Hodge, aye; Vice Mayor Bowles, aye; Council Member Stroud, aye; Council Member Teague, aye; and Mayor Turner, aye. Council convened in Closed Session for the purpose of discussing the following matters: (A) Appointments to boards and commissions as authorized by Subsection 1. and (B) Consultation with legal counsel and briefings by staff members, attorneys or consultants pertaining to actual or probable litigation, or other specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice by such counsel, as authorized by Subsection 7. At the conclusion of Closed Session, each returning member of Council certified that (1) only public business matters exempt from open meeting requirements were discussed in said Closed Session; and (2) only those business matters identified in the motion convening the Closed Session were heard, discussed, or considered during the Session. On a motion by Hodge, seconded by Bowles, with the following 5-0 recorded vote in favor to return to Open Session: Council Member Stroud, aye; Mayor Turner, aye; Council Member Teague, aye; Vice Mayor Bowles, aye; Council Member Hodge, aye.

Stroud made a motion to recommend to Judge Carter Greer that Richard Howell be appointed to the Board of Zoning Appeals for an unexpired term ending September 22, 2019. Hodge seconded the motion with all Council Members voting in favor.

Teague made a motion to appoint Ashby Pritchett, Elizabeth Moore, Walt Shaw and Mary Brown to the Architectural Review Board for a term ending March 31, 2018. Bowles seconded the motion with all Council Members voting in favor.

Following the invocation by Council Member Stroud and Pledge to the American Flag, Mayor Turner welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Consider presentation of a proclamation recognizing Friday, April 29, 2016 as National Arbor Day – Vice Mayor Bowles read the proclamation and presented it to Wayne Knox. Mr. Knox accepted the proclamation on behalf of the Tree Board of the City of Martinsville.



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, in 1872, J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees; and

WHEREAS, this holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world; and

WHEREAS, trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, lower our heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce oxygen and provide habitat for wildlife; and

WHEREAS, trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires and countless other wood products; and

WHEREAS, trees in our city increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community; and

WHEREAS, trees, wherever they are planted, are a source of joy and spiritual renewal; now, therefore

I, Danny Turner, Mayor of the City of Martinsville, do hereby proclaim April 29, 2016 as

ARBOR DAY

in the City of Martinsville, and I urge all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands, and

FURTHER, I urge all citizens to plant trees to gladden the heart and promote the well-being of this and future generations.

Danny Turner
Mayor

Presentation of proclamation regarding National Correctional Officers and Employees week – Council Member Stroud read the proclamation and presented it to Sheriff Steve Draper. Sheriff Draper thanked Council Members and invited them to the dinners on May 3 and 4, 2016 being held for those officers and employees.



PROCLAMATION

National Correctional Officers and Employees Week

WHEREAS, one of the primary goals for the City of Martinsville is to provide its citizens with an effective judicial system that concentrates on quality for all of our citizens; and

WHEREAS, the City of Martinsville's dedicated correctional officers are essential to the success of our judicial process, and our correctional officers' work includes daily exposure to a hostile environment with many of the most dangerous individuals in our society; and

WHEREAS, Correctional Officers contribute daily to the protection of our citizens by housing dangerous felons in a humane environment, often at great risk to the officers' own protection; and

WHEREAS, the City of Martinsville is pleased to join with officials and distinguished correctional officers across America to recognize the achievements of these dedicated individuals. We are indebted to the International Association of Correctional Officers for continuing to emphasize the accomplishments of correctional officers worldwide; now, therefore

FOR THESE SIGNIFICANT REASONS, I, Danny Turner, Mayor of the City of Martinsville, Virginia, do hereby proclaim May 1-May 7, 2016,

"NATIONAL CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES WEEK"

in the City of Martinsville and commend this observance to all of our citizens.

Danny Turner
Mayor

Consider approval of minutes of the April 12, 2016 Council Meeting - on a motion by Bowles, seconded by Stroud, with a 5-0 Council vote in favor to approve, the minutes were approved as presented.

Conduct a public hearing on FY17 Budget and consider approval of FY17 Budget Ordinance on first reading - City Manager Towarnicki highlighted the proposed budget and the steps to prepare that, budget cuts for various departments, funding for the Senior Center, School funding, Dental Clinic funding, Fire Department funding, Meals tax, etc. Stroud stated that he voted in error at the previous work session. Stroud made a motion to revisit the funding cut for the EDC, Teague seconded the motion. Hodge stated that the per capita is the funding level she felt the City should be paying all along and that they should not give up a seat. Turner said the Council should have some opinion of who would take that seat. Bowles understands the concerns and feels that losing the seats does not change the voting power. Turner says that it is unfortunate that an African American woman is on the board and that would be the seat that is eliminated. Council Members voted to reconsider funding the EDC at \$100,000 and to give up one EDC seat: Stroud, aye; Bowles, aye; Teague, aye; Turner, nay; and Hodge, nay.

Mayor Turner opened the floor to public comments.

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Ural Harris, 217 Stewart Street – stated he does not agree with budget decisions and that some of the departments being cut are the most important to the community. He thanked Hodge for her support of the Senior Center. He does not agree with EDC funding decision.

Mary Ann Ferris, 931 Myrtle Rd – said thank you for not eliminating Senior Services and she uses the programs and the transportation. She asked what would happen after this year and if the services would still be available. Hodge said her hope is to partner with other agencies over the next year so there can be a transition and services will not be lost. Bowles asked the City Manager to explore options using the PART bus to aid in senior transportation.

Dr. Craig Deitrich, 1227 Lanier Road and member of school board – stated that the reduction of the school board budget is a painful cut.

Teresa Fontaine, Director of Southern Area Agency on Aging – thanked Council for the restoration of the Senior Center and shared additional information on the senior population.

Joe Martin, 617 E. Church Street – asked how much funding is going towards the Senior Center. Towarnicki said it would be around \$200,000. Martin referred to his idea from the previous year to save money that could be returned to the school board.

Gloria Hylton, 402 Second Street – she stated that she is glad the Senior Center funding was restored. She expressed concern of the reduction of the Police and Fire Departments and felt that the meals tax should be reconsidered to provide funding where needed.

Mayor Turner closed the public hearing. City Attorney Monday explained that Council Member Stroud and Vice Mayor Bowles had signed a disclosure and both could objectively participate in budget discussions and vote. Teague made a motion to adopt the budget as amended on first reading. Bowles seconded the motion. Stroud asked about the loan to repair the sewer line and the requirement to have the ability to raise the revenue to repay that loan and if the water/sewer rate increase is adjustable. Towarnicki explained it includes a revenue bond so the revenue from water and sewer serves as a guarantee of repayment. There must be sufficient revenue to satisfy conditions of the loan. Stroud mentioned that a sludge press would decrease the cost of sludge disposal at the landfill. Teague thanked those departments who had budget cuts including the school board, fire, police and sheriff departments and the seven individuals who will no longer have a position with the City. He emphasized that the budget is painful but the City is not broke. Teague thanked City Manager Towarnicki and Linda Conover in Finance for their hours invested. Roll Call vote: Bowles, aye; Turner, aye; Stroud, aye; Hodge, aye; Teague, aye.

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CITY OF MARTINSVILLE, VIRGINIA			
ORDINANCE No. 2016-U-			
The Budget for Fiscal 2016-2017			
BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Martinsville, Virginia, in regular session assembled April 26, 2016, that the following sums of money be and hereby are appropriated – by specified Fund – for the City's fiscal year ending June 30, 2017, from the following Fund sources of estimated revenue:			
SUMMARY STATEMENT OF BUDGET ESTIMATES			
2016-2017			
Fund	Projected Revenues	Budgeted Expenditures	Changes in Fund Balance
General	\$ 27,987,161	\$ 30,127,382	\$(2,140,221)
Meals Tax	\$ 2,188,373	\$ 2,588,373	\$ (400,000)
Capital Reserve	\$ 995,018	\$ 1,031,217	\$ (36,199)
Refuse	\$ 2,205,000	\$ 2,430,000	\$ (225,000)
Telecommunications	\$ 1,666,425	\$ 1,386,014	\$ 280,411
Water	\$ 3,591,000	\$ 2,784,357	\$ 826,143
Sewer	\$ 4,230,312	\$ 3,984,277	\$ 246,235
Electric	\$ 19,924,740	\$ 20,373,740	\$ (449,000)
Cafeteria*	\$ 1,464,085	\$ 1,464,085	\$ -
Schools**	\$ 22,993,338	\$ 22,993,338	\$ -
COBG	\$ 17,080	\$ 2,550	\$ 14,530
Totals	\$ 87,747,632	\$ 89,126,331	\$(1,385,401)
*Cafeteria – As estimated by school personnel.			
**Schools – As recommended by City Manager.			
Tax Rates (unchanged):			
Real Estate:	\$1.0631 per \$100 assessed value		
Personal Property:	\$2.30 per \$100 assessed value		
Machinery & Tools:	\$1.85 per \$100 assessed value		
Proposed for Electric:			
Average Increase	4.97%		
Proposed for Water:			
	\$3 per month		
Proposed for Sewer:			
	\$3 per month		
BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Council that this Ordinance shall be effective on and after July 1, 2016.			

Attest:			
Karen Roberts, Clerk of Council			
Date Adopted _____ Date Effective _____			

Hear overview of April 25, 2016 Southside area Neighborhood tour and meeting – City Manager Towarnicki summarized the Southside Neighborhood meeting, detailing locations visited. The meeting at Fuller Memorial Church included an update from the Property Maintenance department and touched on concerns related to speeding, stop signs and stoplights, questions on meter replacement, all-terrain vehicle comments, and guardrail removal concern. There were concerns brought up about laser beams and flying drones. Comments were made about possible dumping locations and lack of youth activities. Visitmartinsville.com forwarded a list of activities for youth. Towarnicki also described several camps that are being held for youth in the area through the school system. He also mentioned church and the sports complex activities that are available. Teague suggested getting the RADAR bus involved to see if the bus could alter the route to accommodate citizens wanting to attend some activities.

Conduct a public hearing required under the exemption ordinance enacted in January 2007 for an organization requesting local tax exemption and consider granting the requested exemption – Commissioner of Revenue Ruth Easley summarized the exemption request that is done once a year. There was only one organization that requested the exemption. A committee was formed and met, providing a report and recommendation not to provide exemption of this organization. Hodge shared her reasoning why it would be a disservice to

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reject this exemption. James Hagwood, representative of the Community Development Corporation of Martinsville-Henry County, Inc. described how the organization does not make profit and their plans for the properties they currently own. Teague says he supports the organization, but not necessarily the tax exemption. Wayne Knox said the two properties were purchased through a grant and form contributions from board members. His opinion is this CDC has the opportunity to grow and be beneficial to the City and the Westend. The best way to support the mission of the organization is through contributions. Hodge asked if Council could consider the exemption with specific thresholds. Monday explained that that Council would not have that authority but they may possibly include an annual “sunset” provision in the ordinance. Easley explained that by including provisions they are dictating how the organization is run and the purpose of the ordinance is so Council would not go through this consideration each year. Hodge made a motion to grant the exemption, Bowles requested additional time to consider the request. Teague asked if Council would consider adding this organization to the budget as a funded outside agency rather than approving the tax exemption ordinance. Monday said that decision would need to be made at the next meeting since the budget was already approved on first reading. Mayor Turner opened the public hearing with no one approaching the podium. Council requested this request be tabled until the next meeting

Exemption Definitions

As Defined by Va. Courts

Benevolent – Philanthropic; humane; having a desire or purpose to do good to men; intended for conferring benefits, rather than for gain or profit. (Manassas Lodge No. 1380, Loyal Order of Moose, Inc. v. County of Prince William, 218 Va. 220, 237 S.E. 2d 102 (1977))

Charitable – Liberal in benefactions to the poor; beneficent. (City of Richmond v. United Givers Fund of Richmond, Henrico & Chesterfield, Inc., 205 Va. 432, 137 S.E. 2d 876 (1964))

NOTE: A charitable organization should be organized and conducted to perform some service of public good or welfare based on the above mentioned court cases.

As Defined by Va. Constitution Article X §6

Educational Exemption – Limited to institution of learning operated not for profit, provided the property is used for literary, scientific, or educational purposes or purposes incidental thereto.

As Defined by Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary

Cultural – Of or relating to enlightenment and excellence of taste acquired by intellectual and aesthetic training; acquaintance with and taste in fine arts, humanities, and broad aspects of science as distinguished from vocational and technical skills.

Educational – The field of study that deals mainly with methods of teaching and learning in schools.

Historical – Of or relating to a branch of knowledge that records and explains past events.

Museum – An institution devoted to the procurement, care, study, and display of objects of lasting interest or value; a place where objects are exhibited.

Patriotic – Befitting or characteristic of a patriot (one who loves his country and zealously supports its authority and interests.)

ORDINANCE 2016-_____

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Martinsville, Virginia, in regular session held on April 26, 2016 and pursuant to Section 58.1-3651 of the Code of Virginia, that Section 21-12 of the City Code be amended to add a subsection *O* as follows:

(o) Taxation exemption for Community Development Corporation of Martinsville-Henry County, Inc.

After convening a duly advertised public hearing and considering the factors set forth in Code of Virginia § 58.1-3651(B), the City Council of Martinsville Virginia hereby ordains the following:

1. The *Community Development Corporation of Martinsville-Henry County, Inc.*, a nonprofit organization, is hereby classified and designated as a *charitable* organization within the context of Section 6(a)(6) of Article X of the Constitution of Virginia.

2. *Real property* owned by *Community Development Corporation of Martinsville-Henry County, Inc.*, and used exclusively for educational, benevolent and charitable purposes on a nonprofit basis, as set forth in subsection A. of this section, is hereby determined to be exempt from local *real* property taxation.

3. Continuance of the exemption shall be contingent on the continued use of the property in accordance with the purpose for which the organization is classified or designated.


Attest:

Karen Roberts,
Clerk of Council

Date Adopted _____

Date Effective _____

<p style="text-align: center;">EXEMPTION CRITERIA TO CONSIDER</p> <p>Pursuant to Code of Virginia §58.1-3651, the local governing body shall consider the following questions before granting an exemption from local taxation to any nonprofit organizations:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Whether the organization is exempt from taxation pursuant to § 501 (c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954; 2. Whether a current annual alcoholic beverage license for serving alcoholic beverages has been issued by the Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Board to such organization, for use on such property; 3. Whether any director, officer, or employee of the organization is paid compensation in excess of a reasonable allowance for salaries or other compensation for personal services which such director, officer, or employee actually renders; 4. Whether any part of the net earnings of such organization inures to the benefit of any individual, and whether any significant portion of the service provided by such organization is generated by funds received from donations, contributions, or local, state or federal grants. As used in this subsection, donations shall include the providing of personal services or the contribution of in-kind or other material services; 5. Whether the organization provides services for the common good of the public; 6. Whether a substantial part of the activities of the organization involves carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation and whether the organization participates in, or intervenes in, any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office; 7. The revenue impact to the locality and its taxpayers of exempting the property; and 8. Any other criteria, facts and circumstances that the governing body deems pertinent to the adoption of such ordinance. 	<p style="text-align: center;">Other Exemption Criteria Not Specifically Identified in Code of Virginia §58.1-3651</p> <p>The City Council should consider the following criteria, facts and circumstances as may be pertinent:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Whether the organization is current on all its obligations to the City; (b) Whether the organization is in compliance with all City ordinances and regulations, including (but not limited to) building, subdivision and zoning ordinances; (c) Whether the property for which the exemption is sought relates to the purposes for which the organization was created and tends to directly promote those purposes; (d) Whether the service(s) provided by the organization are services the City would provide if the requesting organization did not do so; (e) Whether the organization meets a general public need for which the benefits derived by the community at-large are equivalent to or exceed the City's loss in revenue from taxes on the entity's real and personal property; (f) Whether the service(s) provided by the organization meet an established priority of the City Council; and (g) Any other criteria, facts and circumstances that the Council may deem appropriate and pertinent.
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<div data-bbox="250 898 675 995">  </div> <p style="text-align: center;">Exemption Review Committee Report April 4, 2016</p> <p>Applicant: Community Development Corporation of Martinsville-Henry County, Inc.</p> <p>Organization Mission Statement: To serve as a community development organization with a focus for revitalizing and rebuilding Martinsville's West End community, thereby fostering the creation and attraction of new business, retaining and expanding jobs and assisting in the retention and expansion of existing businesses in Martinsville and Henry County.</p> <p>Answers to Review Criteria:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The organization has been granted IRS 501 (c) (3) designation 2. The organization does not have an annual special events ABC license 3. The organization's application indicates that there are no employees and the officers do not receive salaries. 4. Net earnings of the organization do not inure to the benefit of any individual, however, exact funding sources could not be discerned due to the newness of the entity. 5. The organization's stated purpose is to focus on "revitalizing and rebuilding Martinsville's West End Community thereby fostering the creation and attraction of new business, retaining and expanding jobs and assisting in the retention and expansion of existing businesses in Martinsville and Henry County." 6. No substantial part of the organization's activities is to influence legislation or campaign on behalf of a political candidate. 7. Real Estate Tax Revenue Impact: \$721.16 is the current annual tax assessment for the 2 properties owned by the organization. 8. The organization does not meet a general public need that exceeds the City's loss in revenue from taxes. Similar rehabilitation projects are currently performed by other private individuals that are not tax exempt. And also by Habitat for Humanity a non-profit entity. <p>Additional Review Criteria:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The organization has unpaid real estate tax liability 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> b. The organization has not obtained building permits for any of the rehabilitation work, but depending on the nature of the work, they may not need one. The organization has not stated that the property use would change from the current residential zoning so they are compliant with current subdivision and zoning ordinances. c. The properties for which the exemption is sought potentially relate to the purposes for which the organization was created. If any property is leased and becomes income producing any exemption granted could be lost pursuant to Code of Virginia §58.1-3603. d. The City is providing some property rehabilitation through grant programs administered through the Martinsville Redevelopment and Housing Authority. e. The organization is providing services that are currently being provided by private investors or through the Martinsville Redevelopment and Housing Authority f. The organization does provide a service that meets an established priority of City Council, but the same kind of service is also provided by private investors, Habitat for Humanity, and the Martinsville Redevelopment and Housing Authority. g. Other criteria to consider: No other criteria was considered by the committee. <p>Fiscal Impact:</p> <p>The organization currently owns 2 properties: 508 Fayette Street and 610 Fayette Street. Current annual tax on 508 Fayette Street is \$403.60. Current annual tax on 610 Fayette Street is \$317.57. Total annual real estate tax for both properties is \$721.17.</p> <p>The organization has not reported owning any business personal property in the City of Martinsville.</p> <p>Review Committee Recommendation:</p> <p>The Review Committee does not recommend exemption at this time for the following reasons:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) The organization indicated that the property at 508 Fayette St. will be rented when the property is rehabilitated as a source to fund their ongoing projects. If exempt property becomes a source of income it loses its exempt status pursuant to Code of Virginia §58.1-3603. (2) There is a concern of fairness and equity to other private investors who are essentially doing the same kind of rehabilitation and do not benefit from tax exemption. (3) The organization has not paid the current tax liability on the two properties that they have acquired since August 2015.
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Consider approval of consent agenda - A motion was made by Bowles and seconded by Hodge to approve the consent agenda as presented, all Council Members voted in favor.

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BUDGET ADDITIONS FOR 04/26/16				
ORG	OBJECT	DESCRIPTION	DEBIT	CREDIT
FY16				
General Fund:				
01100909	490104	Advance/Recovered Costs		2,108
01331108	501300	Sheriff/Corrections - Part-time & Temporary Wages	1,590	
01331108	502100	Sheriff/Corrections - Social Security	99	
01331108	502110	Sheriff/Corrections - Medicare	23	
01331108	506008	Sheriff/Corrections - Vehicle Equipment & Maint.	318	
01331110	506200	Sheriff/Annex - Prisoner Allowance	78	
		Reimbursement from Henry County for litter pickup-March		
01101917	442402	Categorical Other State - Confiscated Assets - C Atty		229
01221082	506105	Comm Atty - Conf Assets State	229	
01101917	442401	Categorical Other State - Confiscated Assets - Police		229
01311085	506078	Police Dept - Conf Assets State	229	
		State Asset Forfeiture Proceeds		
01100908	480406	Miscellaneous Revenues - Donations/Recreation		300
01711210	506007	Recreation - Equipment & Supplies	300	
		Team Sponsor donations		
01100909	490801	Recovered Costs - Senior Services		1,901
01100908	480420	Donations/Senior Citizens		1,800
01714212	501300	Senior Citizens - Part-time Wages	1,204	
01714212	502100	Senior Citizens - Social Security	75	
01714212	502110	Senior Citizens - Medicare	17	
01714212	506049	Senior Citizens - Vehicle Fuels	605	
01714212	506016	Senior Citizens - Program Supplies	1,800	
		Transportation Grant - Jan.-March; Donations		
01100909	490139	Recovered Costs - CIT Program		25,314
01311085	501215	Police Dept - O/T - CIT Program	1,161	
01311085	502100	Police Dept - Social Security	72	
01311085	502110	Police Dept - Medicare	17	
01331108	501215	Sheriff - Corrections - O/T - CIT Program	22,354	
01331108	502100	Sheriff - Corrections - Social Security	1,386	
01331108	502110	Sheriff - Corrections - Medicare	324	
		Reimbursements for Crisis Intervention Program		
Total General Fund:			31,881	31,881
Sewer Fund:				
13103936	407700	Indebtedness - VRA Loan Proceeds		747,924
13551326	508224	Wastewater Maintenance - SRI Project - Phys. Plant Exp	747,924	
		VRA Reimbursement #1		
Total Sewer Fund:			747,924	747,924

Comments by members of City Council – Stroud said he is grateful that a local child missing the night before was found safely. Hodge said that she is glad that Council was able to pass budget in majority agreement. Bowles wished her grandfather a happy birthday. She explained National College signing day and said she would be celebrating at Martinsville High School on Wednesday April 26, 2016 with an increase in students who will be enrolling. She stated that 72% of MHS seniors had applied to colleges. Turner stated he was not happy with the EDC decision.

Comments by City Manager – Towarnicki stated the budget was not an easy decision and he thanked Ms. Conover, Mr. Knox and other department heads for their cooperation. This budget was challenging and they will begin working on FY18 budget within a month of finalizing FY17. Looking ahead, the next year budget will be another challenge.

City Attorney Monday said that Carlisle school ranked high again on the Business Insider school surveys.

Business from the Floor (not televised) – Ural Harris, 217 Stewart St – stated that he finds the budget disturbing because Council cut some of the most important departments. He expressed concerns about the City Electric portfolio and would like Council to find a way out of the electric deal. Ms. Hylton, stated in February Council recognized African American Council Members. She asked if the church could display the plaque in Mr. Hobson's honor.

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She asked if additional money is found in the budget that it be reinstated to the Police department. Turner asked City Manager if Mr. Hobson's picture could be copied and provided to the church. Joe Martin, 617 E. Church St said he supports Teague's opinions on the CDC support and the Westend does need special attention through this organization.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Teague to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Hodge with all Council Members voting in favor. The meeting adjourned at 9:35pm.

Karen Roberts
Clerk of Council

Danny Turner
Mayor